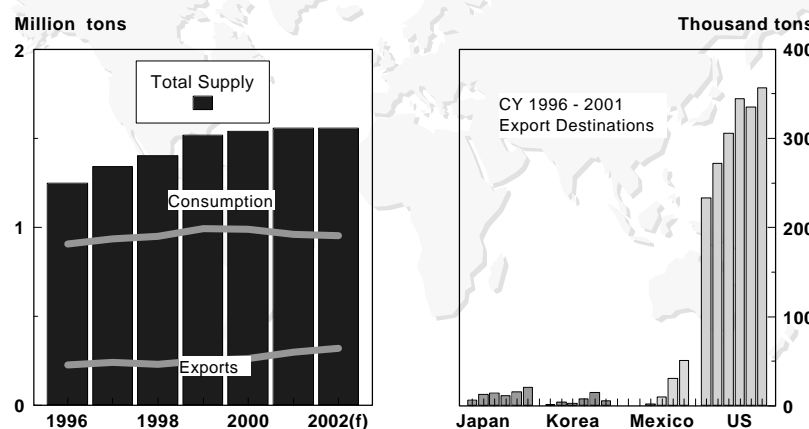


# Canada's Cattle and Beef Situation

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001(p)	2002 (f)
Cattle (1,000 head)							
Total Supply*	19,048	18,813	18,578	18,308	18,413	18,688	18,524
Slaughter	3,506	3,631	3,768	3,929	3,842	3,671	3,675
Imports	60	44	111	222	353	302	225
Exports	1,514	1,383	1,318	990	969	1,310	1,250
Beef (1,000 tons; carcass weight equivalent)							
Production	998	1,075	1,150	1,238	1,246	1,235	1,214
Imports	228	244	232	254	263	299	320
Consumption	909	937	951	994	992	961	955
Exports	319	382	428	492	523	574	580

\* Total supply = beginning inventories + calf crop + imports.

## Canada's Steadily Rising Beef Exports Branching Out to Traditional U.S. Markets



Canada, the world's fifth largest beef exporter and the seventh largest beef importer, is forecast to increase its beef exports marginally in 2002 to 580,000 tons, constrained mainly by reduced production. Canadian cattle exports to the United States will remain relatively strong, although slightly lower than in 2001, as drought conditions abate, allowing cattle inventories to rebuild. Beef imports for 2002 are projected at a record 320,000 tons. The United States continues to dominate the stagnating fresh/chilled segment of the import market, while Canada's frozen beef imports have shown substantial growth. All that growth, however, is going to major competitors, including Australia, New Zealand, and Uruguay. The United States and Mexico remain the main markets for Canadian beef exports. Canada has increased its market share in Mexico from less than 1 percent in 1997 to 19 percent in 2001. U.S. beef exports to Canada totaled \$274 million in 2001, making Canada the fourth largest market for U.S. beef.